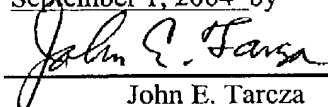


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Date: September 1, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed July 1, 2004, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response, this response is timely filed within two months.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.